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SENATE BILL

No. 468

Introduced by Senator Campbell

February 18, 2005

An act to amend Section 226.5 of the Streets and Highways Code, relating to highways.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 468, as amended, Campbell. State highways: safety roadside rest areas.

Existing law requires the California Transportation Commission and the Department of Transportation to plan, design, and construct a system of safety roadside rests on the state highway system. Under existing law, the department is authorized to construct, operate, and maintain a maximum of six new safety roadside rest area units as a joint economic development demonstration project where there is a public need for a rest area.

This bill would instead ~~require~~ *authorize* the department to construct, operate, and maintain a maximum of ~~6~~ 15 safety roadside rest area units, including ~~3~~ new units and ~~3~~ existing units as a joint public-private economic development demonstration project where there is a public need for a new rest area and for repair of existing rest areas. ~~The bill would also require the department to authorize additional joint public-private economic development projects upon completion of the demonstration project.~~

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 226.5 of the Streets and Highways Code is amended to read:

226.5. (a) Unless prohibited by federal law or regulation, the department, to promote public safety and convenience, ~~shall~~ *may* construct, operate, and maintain a maximum of ~~six~~ 15 safety roadside rest area units, including ~~three~~ new units and ~~three~~ existing units, as a joint public-private economic development demonstration project where there is a public need for new rest areas and there is public need for repair of existing rest areas, and the joint economic development proposal will result in an economic savings to the state.

(b) All of the following apply to the demonstration project safety roadside rest area units:

(1) Contracts for construction, operation, and maintenance of facilities in the demonstration project roadside rest areas shall be awarded on the basis of competitive bidding.

(2) The department may permit commercial operations within the units if the operations are traveler-related activities and no alcoholic beverages are sold within the rest area facility.

(3) Law enforcement responsibilities within the units are the same as are currently provided on the state highway system.

(4) The department shall submit a status report to the Assembly Committee on Transportation and the Senate Committee on Transportation one year following construction of the initial unit and annually thereafter.

(5) The department holds, or affords the opportunity for, a public hearing for each proposed unit so that local community members who may be affected by rest area economic development and other interested parties may comment on the proposed project.

(c) Any money received by the state for the demonstration project shall be deposited by the department in the State Highway Account.

~~(d) Upon completion of the demonstration project in conformity with subdivision (b), the department shall authorize additional joint public-private economic development projects, including existing safety roadside rest units and any new units, provided that the additional projects fully conform with~~

- 1 ~~subdivision (b) and that the additional projects promote public~~
- 2 ~~safety and convenience.~~

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